

# A Call For Action

AN EDITORIAL

AMERICA'S largest union, representing 800,000 workers all in key war plants, spoke the sentiment of the entire workingclass and the great masses of America's people, when it issued its urgent appeal for the immediate opening of a Second Front in Europe.

The statement of the United Automobile Workers Union (CIO), issued through a meeting of its executive board, declares that decisions of the Casablanca conference must be "immediately carried out."

"Now, with Hitler staggering under the blows of our Soviet ally, invasion of Europe to bring about the unconditional surrender of the Axis is imperative. Defeat for the Axis in 1943 is the battle cry," says this great union of war workers.

The critical fighting at Kharkov emphasizes the danger to the cause of the United Nations in any further delay in the opening of a Second Front in Europe.

The UAW fully realizes who the enemies of the Second Front are. Its statement warns that "anti-labor and Quisling groups" are scheming to block the Casablanca decisions.

The union calls for an all-out campaign against those who are "echoing the Herr Goebbels gospel of the Communist menace," against the labor baiters in Congress, and all who want to negotiate "with the mad dogs of fascism."

The UAW whose members are engaged in the production of the weapons of offense—bombers, fighters, tanks, jeeps, trucks, guns are ready to back their plea for the offensive on the battlefield of Europe with the assurance of maximum support on the production front.

Rally around the Commander-in-Chief, smash the plots of the treacherous Quislings and labor-baiters, invade Europe NOW! Those are the slogans from the automotive shops.

All trade unionists and every American should take up these slogans and work for their speedy realization.

## 700 Unionists Honor Wm. Z. Foster

By Art Shields

The second front issue involves the honor and safety of the American people, said William Z. Foster, chairman, and Earl Browder, general secretary of the Communist Party in brief but stirring speeches at the Hotel Diplomat yesterday.

The two Communist Party leaders were speaking at an anniversary banquet in honor of Foster's 62nd birthday.

More than 700 trade unionists and other friends of the veteran leader were present.

Frederick N. Myers, vice-president of the National Maritime Union presided.

Heartfelt tribute to Foster's leadership came from every speaker.

"Bill Foster is a product of the strength of the American working class," said Earl Browder. "He is a son of the American people. And one reason why we are proud of our country is because it produces such men for leadership."

Myers said: "Republicans, Democrats, Catholics, Protestants, Jews, are paying tribute this afternoon to William Z. Foster and his Party."

"Trade unionists recognize the role of the Communist Party in the war effort in defense of their country. And wherever workers gather they identify Foster with their struggles."

Warmest tributes came from "Mother" Ella Reeve Bloor; James W. Ford, member of the national committee, Communist Party; Irving Potash, Joseph Winogradsky and Lyndon Henry, leaders of the furriers union; Charles Collins, chairman of the Negro Labor Victory Committee; Max Perlow, vice-president, the United Furniture Workers, CIO; Frank Duto, AFL painter; Ferdinand C. Smith, NMU secretary; Morris Gainer, AFL painter; and other speakers.

Foster's speech was a second front rallying call.

He castigated the defeatists, who work to delay the second front because they don't want Hitler to be beaten.

Two great empires are engaging only a dozen Axis divisions, he said, while the Soviet Union bears the whole brunt of the war.

That's no credit to American military leadership, he pointed out. Opening his speech, Foster said: "The central task of the trade

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# KHARKOV BATTLE RAGES

## WLB Violates Gov't Wage Policy—Murray

(Special to the Daily Worker)

PITTSBURGH, Pa., March 14—CIO President Philip Murray, declared here yesterday "recent decisions of the War Labor Board are not consistent with the basic policies set forth in the National Stabilization Act, the Price and Wage Stabilization Executive Order of the President and the publicly announced policies of the board itself."

Mr. Murray made this statement at a meeting of 50 CIO representatives serving on the 12 regional war labor boards.

He described WLB decisions in the meat packing and West Coast aircraft industries as "a direct violation of the Government's wage stabilization policy." Failure to recognize "the severe inequalities and inequities" suffered by meat and aircraft workers, he pointed out, is "a direct blow against the war production program."

Mr. Murray urged, however, that the War Labor Board be retained as an instrument for furthering the war program. The CIO has approved wage stabilization, he stated, as part of national economic policy to prevent inflation. But, he explained, stabilization was not intended to freeze wages. He insisted that wage allowances must be made for the increased cost of living since May, 1942.

CIO Secretary James B. Carey added his protest to that of President Murray Sunday night, in the National Forum of the Air Broadcast from Washington, D. C.

He warned that labor is losing patience with the yielding on the part of Congress to "special interest groups."

Labor's pledge to cooperate in wage stabilization, he urged, was based on the understanding that prices and profits would be held as inflexible as wages.

Labor respects its pledges and expects others to do the same, Carey said. "But the patience of our members will not last for ever," he added.

"Now," Carey went on, "the Senate has approved the Bankhead Bill (banning deduction of benefit payments in figuring farm price premiums), which will raise farm prices without regard to the effect on the consumer or on production. The House Appropriations Committee has killed proposed incentive payments for farmers which would give the farmers more return for raising much-needed crops, and yet would not add to retail prices."

The indorsement ignores strict pay-as-you-go plan and provides no scheme for cancelling 1942 taxes.

Doughton's unyielding attitude, believed to reflect approximately the majority committee sentiment, points toward a stiff fight on the House floor over the committee's and the Rummler alternative for cancellation of 1942 taxes.

Doughton scotched reports the committee might resurrect the twice-discarded plan of Rep. A. Willis Robertson, D., Va., for partial forgiveness of 1942 obligations as a compromise aimed at blocking approval of the Rummler scheme. He said he felt the committee's present plan was a stronger alternative.

## 4 Senators Urge Closer Allied Unity

WASHINGTON, March 14 (UP)—Four Senators sponsoring a plan for closer cooperation among the United Nations reported after an hour and one-half conference at the White House today that President Roosevelt had approved the "broad objectives" of their program.

The Senators, advocating Allied unity during the war and a system of policing the post-war world, said they were encouraged by the progress they had made thus far.

Senators Lister Hill, D., Ala., spokesman for the group, told reporters:

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Philip Murray

Murray said that these goals "are in line with the best democratic tradition in America."

"We cannot afford until the war ends to plan for peace," the CIO leader emphasized in calling on Congress "to enact a broad social security program and to give legal authority for the exercise of powers adequate to guide the transition to full peace-time production."

He warned that unless Congress acts "millions of returning soldiers and war workers will be idle when war production ceases, and great quantities of material and food will be wasted."

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WM. Z. FOSTER

## The City's Growing Transit Snarl



This soldier had to spend about an hour of his short furlough waiting in line for a bus because the city has failed to adopt a workable defense transit plan, such as has improved transportation in Washington and other cities.

## Cacchione Plan for Staggered Hours Would Ease Transit Jam

(This is the second of two articles dealing with the overtaxed city transit system.)

By Harry Raymond

The New York City administration, today boasting the greatest local transportation system in the world, has utterly failed to place this system in the best wartime use.

Many buses and streetcars of the municipally-owned lines remain idle through a greater part of any working day, the Office of Defense Transportation reported last month.

### CACCHIONE PLAN

These transit facilities, ODT officials state, could be used to unsnarl the rush-hour traffic jams if they were put in round-the-clock service based on an overall industrial plan to staggered work hours.

The ODT called for staggered hour

schedules on Feb. 23. Councilman Peter V. Cacchione, Brooklyn Communist, proposed such a plan in the City Council in January. And his resolution asking for staggered hours has remained buried in the City Affairs Committee ever since.

The question, therefore, arises! Is the City Affairs Committee of the Council sabotaging defense transportation? There are many who think the committee is doing just that.

Steadily increased travel—since America entered the war—on streetcars, buses and subway lines, and resultant transit jams during rush hours, indicate that more efficient use of available vehicles to handle industrial, school, shopping and business

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## CIO Backs FDR Social Plan

By Adam Lapin

(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON, March 14—CIO-AFL teamwork can lick the Hobbs bill, king-pin in the anti-labor campaign on Capitol Hill, observers in union circles here believe.

The Hobbs measure is scheduled to reach the House floor late this coming week or in the early part of the following week.

The extreme anti-labor hysteria which existed when the Rules Committee hurriedly approved the bill without adequate hearings has subsided somewhat. A substantial number of liberal Democratic Congressmen from industrial areas are set to put up a strong fight against the measure.

And many Republicans are having a bad case of jitters over the Hobbs bill which would make trade unionists liable to the heavy penalties of the anti-racketeering law.

Republicans are fearful of the consequences of entering the 1944 elections with too obvious an anti-labor label, and their House delegation is expected to split on this issue.

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## Giraud Repudiates All Vichy Laws

ALGIERS, March 14 (UP)—Gen. Henri Honore Giraud, French African leader, repudiated in the name of France today all laws and decrees imposed on the country since the armistice, including those providing for racial discrimination, and promised Frenchmen a post-war government of their own choosing under the laws of the Third Republic.

He pledged himself in the most solemn terms that when France emerged victorious from the war it should have a regime chosen freely under the laws of the republic which the Germans and the Vichy government had tried, as so many had done in times past, to destroy.

In condemning all racial discriminatory laws, Giraud even went back to the law of 1870 drawing distinctions between Mohammedans and Jews in Africa, and called on the people of both races to work together.

Repudiating all Vichy French laws as Nazi-dictated, Giraud said:

"By occupying two-thirds of France and her capital, by supervising the government and all public services, by directing economic affairs both openly and secretly, by restricting or preventing intellectual life, by imposing discriminatory legislation intolerable to the French conscience, Germany has prohibited the French people from expressing their opinion.

"Only the will of the people can create law. Without this legal force are null and void. They are either doctrinaire conceptions without collective value or they are the dictates of the occupying power under the guise of national laws."

"In the absence of the legal basis which can alone be given by the will of the French people, the occupying power can do what it wants."

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## Red Army Drives West from Vyazma

LONDON, March 14 (UP)—The great battle for Kharkov went into its second week Sunday with Berlin claiming that most of the strategic city was in Nazi hands and Moscow admitting that in one sector of the Kharkov area the enemy had wedged into Soviet defenses.

The Sunday communiques from both sides reported fighting of great ferocity with heavy losses.

A Berlin broadcast last night said that formations of Nazi SS combat troops retook Kharkov by an enveloping attack from north and east after days of hard fighting.

In the area of Kharkov, Moscow reported, "Soviet troops engaged in battles which are assuming an ever fiercer character. Soviet troops courageously repelled pressure of the enemy's superior tank and motorized infantry troops."

### KNOCK OUT 9 TANKS

In one sector, Moscow continued, the enemy succeeded in wedging into Soviet defenses but "X" unit counterattacked and threw back the enemy. In this action, it was claimed, nine German tanks, three armored cars, two self-propelling guns and 12 mortars were disabled while 500 Nazi troops were killed.

The Red Army, possibly significantly, referred to the fighting as in the "area" of Kharkov rather than in the city itself.

### OFFENSIVE CONTINUES

Elsewhere on the fighting fronts from the Arctic Ocean to the Black Sea both sides reported scattered activity on land and sea and in the air.

A Soviet communiqué said that since Vizyama Red Army troops continued on the offensive and occupied several inhabited places. A German infantry battalion, supported by tanks, twice counterattacked during Saturday night but was repulsed. Four Nazi tanks were destroyed and the Red Army killed 200 German soldiers and captured booty including 40 carts of materials.

South of Vizyama Soviet troops captured 20 inhabited places including Miliutinsky Zavod.

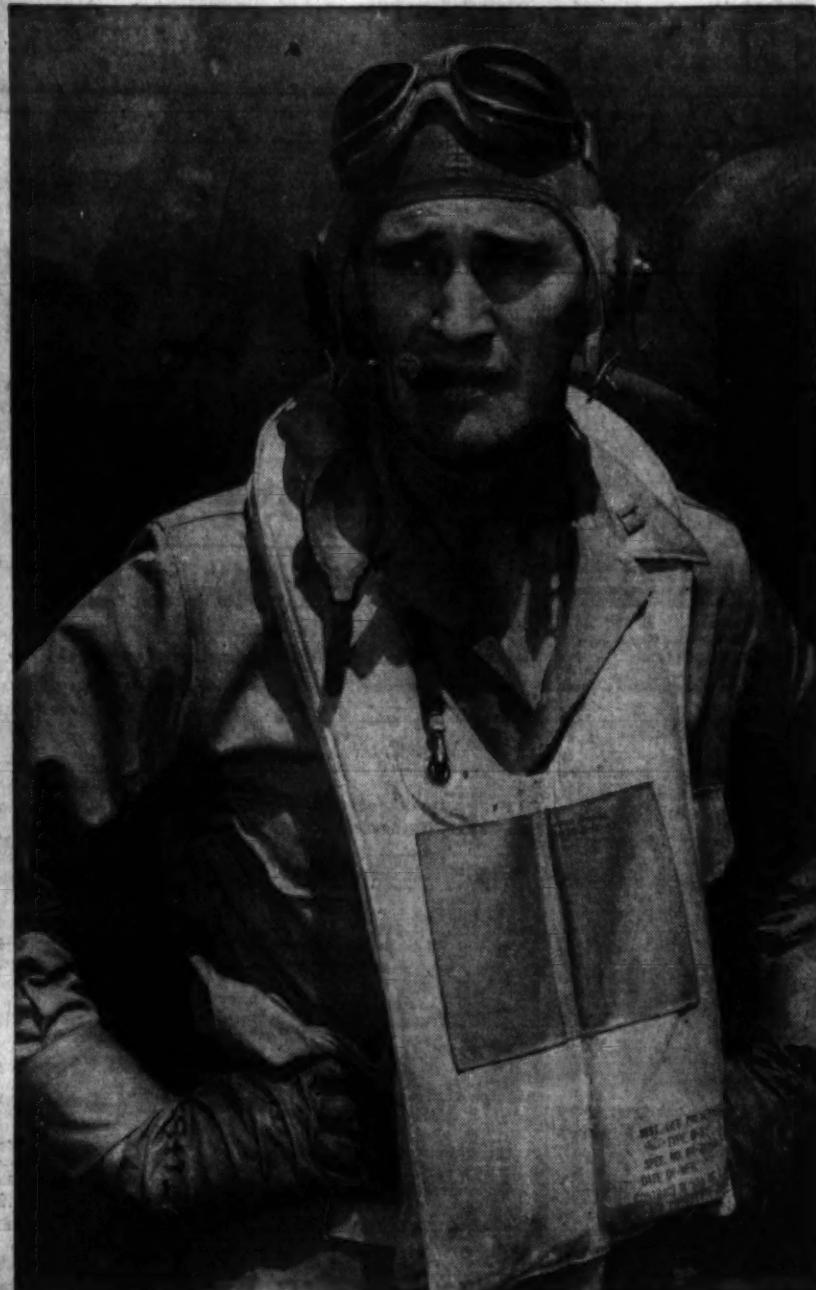
South of Byelits, which is 22 miles northeast of the great German battle at Smolensk, Moscow said, Soviet troops advanced and captured several inhabited places. A German infantry battalion, supported by tanks, twice counterattacked during Saturday night but was repulsed. Four Nazi tanks were destroyed and the Red Army killed 200 German soldiers and captured booty including 40 carts of materials.

On the Arctic front, the Germans claimed, German planes raided the Fisher Peninsula and the city and harbor area of Murmansk, port of entry for American and British supplies to Russia, again were heavily bombed.

To the south, "off the coast of the Caucasus," a Soviet steamer of 7,000 tons was sunk by Nazi speed boats.

The Berlin short-wave radio abruptly ceased broadcasting at

## Fighting Joe Foss, Marine Ace



To date Captain Joe Foss, Marine Corps pilot, and the six members of his squadron, have knocked 60 Japanese planes into the South Pacific. Of these Foss has personally accounted for 26. Captain Foss hails from Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and is seen here, as in action with the inevitable cigar.

## Lithuanian Fascist Here Lauds Hitler

DETROIT, March 14.—Not content with spreading disruptive propaganda and anti-American propaganda amongst Lithuanian-Americans through the columns of his paper, the Chicago Daily Draugas, Leonard Shimutis, a well-known pro-fascist now employs the false fear of Communism to wreck unity amongst Lithuanian-Americans.

His latest gesture was to split a united Committee of Detroit Lithuanians organized at the end of last year to raise funds for an American Red Cross ambulance.

How Shimutis split the committee is explained in a correspondence appearing in the progressive Lithuanian Daily Vlins, February 26, 1943.

According to the English translation of the Vlins story "at the end of last year, through the initiative of progressive Lithuanians, there was formed a united Detroit Lithuanian committee to buy an ambulance for the Red Cross."

"All Lithuanian groups made up the committee. Detroit Lithuanian priests in sermons at three churches urged the people to work unitedly."

"After the sermons in behalf of joint effort to buy an ambulance for the Red Cross had been delivered on Sunday, Father Cizauskas (a local Catholic priest) received a telegram on Monday from L. Shimutis of Chicago advising that Catholics should not join with Communists (to them all are Communists who do not succumb to Nazi propaganda) and should separate themselves from the united committee, and at the same time to separate themselves from the buying of the ambulance."

Thus Mr. Shimutis who has been parroting Nazi propaganda for so long a time continues to employ Goebbel's Red Bogy to wreck our war effort. He disunites and disrupts reputable and worthy Lithuanian Committees.

In doing so he is doing just what Goebbel's had hoped for. Certainly this latest gesture by Shimutis can only be appreciated by the Nazis.

## Wife of Chinese Envoy Named to Relief Council

Mme. Wei Tao-ming, wife of the Chinese Ambassador to the United States, has accepted the honorary chairmanship of China Aid Council, a participating agency of United China Relief, it is announced at United China Relief headquarters.

It was also announced that Dr. Lawson G. Lowrey and Mrs. John Tee-Van have become members of the Council's Board of Directors.

Dr. Lowrey, who is president of the New York Regional Division of the American Orthopsychiatric Association, will act as consultant to the Children's Division of the Council, which is sending to China educational and child study materials of all kinds, and sponsoring a training program to prepare Chinese students here and in China for child welfare work.

Even before this time, Draugas was already hailing the Nazis as "liberators." A month after the

## Mikhailovitch Informed Gov't-in-Exile of Planned Axis Offensive Against Partisans

MOSCOW, March 14 (ICN).—The Yugoslav Government-in-Exile in London is aware of Dr. Mikhalovitch's attacks on the Yugoslav Partisan Liberation Army, radio station Free Yugoslavia charged in a broadcast heard here recently.

Furthermore, they were made aware of this treachery through an official report made to them by Mikhalovitch himself.

"In January of this year," the broadcast begins, "that is, before the beginning of the general offensive of German, Italian and Ustashi troops against the People's Liberation Army in Yugoslavia, Mikhalovitch in a report to the Yugoslav Government in London made a statement which included the following: 'Part of Serbia,

Bosnia and Herzegovina, and part of Lika near the town of Bihać is now in the hands of Communists.' (Mikhalovitch, traitor that he is, calls the partisans 'Communists'. 'But' he continues, 'the fate of the Communists will soon be settled here as well.'

"The Congress held in Bihać and the decisions adopted there are, he said, not taken seriously by anybody. He added: 'The entire comedy of Bihać is a propaganda front.'

"That's how Mikhalovitch refers to the historic Yugoslav Congress where the Anti-Fascist People's Council, headed by the well-known statesman and public figure, Dr. Ivan Ribar, was established.

"Soon after Mikhalovitch made this report, an offensive was begun by the occupation forces, aided by the Chetniks of Mikhalovitch. Owing to the numerical superiority of the troops of occupation, partisan units have in fact been temporarily forced out of Bihać.

"The People's Liberation Army is waging a fierce and bloody struggle against the forces of the enemy to liberate Yugoslavia from the foreign yoke. Germans, Italians, Ustashi and Mikhalovitch's Chetniks are fighting on a common front. German and Italian aircraft brutally bomb and destroy the towns and villages of the liberated territory of Yugoslavia, killing tens of thousands of the civilian population—women, children and aged people.

"It is just at this moment that Mikhalovitch and his Chetniks drive their knives into the back of fighting Yugoslavia. It is difficult to imagine a greater or baser act of treachery.

"Yet in spite of all this there are people calling themselves fighters against Hitlerite tyranny and reckoning themselves friends of the Yugoslav people, who, like members of the Yugoslav Government in London, and like certain British and American men of affairs and their newspapers, continue to regard Mikhalovitch as the War Minister of Yugoslavia, supposedly organizing the struggle against the occupation forces."

## Norse Flee to Sweden to Escape Nazis

STOCKHOLM, March 14 (ICN).—An increasing number of Norwegians are escaping to Sweden from the terror of the Gestapo and the Quislings, and the Germans have been obliged to reinforce the guards at the Swedish-Norwegian border, unimpeachable information reaching here reveals.

A detachment of Quisling Storm Troopers with bloodhounds has been dispatched to the border by the Nazis, and mass arrests have been carried out all during last week in the border districts. Some 200 Norwegians were arrested in Halden and thrown into prison.

New executions of Norwegian patriots have evoked sweeping indignation throughout the country. The newspaper Arbetaren reports that the Hitlerites are trying to deceit to conscript Norwegians into the German army.

Many young Norwegians, for example, were recently mobilized on the basis of the compulsory labor "law" and sent to chauffeur's courses.

There they were unexpectedly ordered to change into German uniform. They were then sent to army training camps where they learned that the Germans intend to dispatch them to the front against the USSR.

One group of deceived Norwegians succeeded in making their escape to Sweden.

## Belgians Aid Soviet War Prisoners

BERNE, March 14 (ICN).—The heroic struggle of the Red Army is evoking admiration among the Belgians suffering under the domination of German occupation. The Belgian population is expressing their solidarity and love for the Soviet people by helping the Russian workers and war prisoners brought to Belgium by the Germans.

In a Montegue school the children came to the Esperance coal mine where a group of Russian war prisoners was working and gave them their school breakfast. Children collect cigarettes on the streets and bring them to the war prisoners, and women collect bread for them at the bakeries.

One woman was arrested along with her 8-year-old child for giving bread to war prisoners. A crowd, indignant at this provocation, organized a "demonstration" which lasted until 8 P. M. demanding the liberation of the woman.

Solidarity is most effectively expressed at the mines proper. At

the aforementioned mine the Belgian miners formed a committee to support the war prisoners. Delegates of the committee demanded the same labor conditions and the same supplies and wages for the war prisoners as those enjoyed by the Belgian workers.

In Herstal, the wives of workers gather potatoes, vegetables and bread and give them daily to the Russian war prisoners working in the nearby mines.

In Chanshe, a solidarity demonstration took place when Russian war prisoners arrived. Hundreds of workers and office employees gathered at the station, and along with many of the passengers, greeted the Russian war prisoners as brothers, distributed articles of clothing among them and met them with the cry of "Long live the Russians."

However, President Castilla has promised a delegation of Radical Party deputies that he will take notice of the case of Juan Jose Real, who is confined under particularly dangerous circumstances in the province of Corrientes, and that he will arrange for the release of Pedro Chiaranti, leader of the Construction Workers Federation.

## Jail Argentine Textile Leader

BUENOS AIRES, March 14 (ICN).—Prospero Malventini, leader of the Union Obrera Textil (Argentine Textile Workers Union), was recently arrested last week and no reason given.

Over 130 of Argentina's most militant democrats are now in the hands of the police, and the strong movement in their behalf, carried on by the League for the Rights of Man and by important political figures of democratic convictions, has so far yielded no tangible results.

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The Burmese saw that they had been tricked, and the Indians clearly understood what awaited their own country should the Japanese penetrate into it. The violent and arrogant attitude of the enemy toward the Burmese alienated all but a tiny minority of upper-class traitors.

## Nazi Raids Cause Damage in England

LONDON, Sunday, March 14 (UP).—An Air Home Ministry communiqué said today that a small number of enemy planes bombed coastal areas of Southeast England last night, "causing some damage and a small number of casualties."

He Was Only 12 But A Soviet Guerrilla

MOSCOW, March 14 (ICN).—"The winter is here in full force," wrote Partisan Vladimir to his daughters, Dina and Syzran. The letter, published in Izvestia this past week, continues:

"In my detachment there was a little boy, Tolik, 12 years old. His mother and father had been killed by the Germans. Tolik acted as a scout several times, reconnoitering the dispositions of the German garrison.

"Once he was caught and a traitor, a woman, told the Germans that he was a partisan scout.

"The Germans tied him up and beat him dreadfully. They promised to release him and give him a lot of money if he would divulge the whereabouts of the partisans and their number. But he replied, 'I am not afraid of you fascists vipers. Kill me, but all the same the partisans will wipe you out.'

"He died without betraying the partisans. There are many such heroes."

"The Byelo-Russian girls knit gloves and socks for the partisans. They tend the wounded. Some of the children carry out fighting assignments and are small partisans.

Among other letters published in Izvestia is one from an old peasant woman addressed to Stalin. She apologizes to Stalin for the fact that she was unable to join a partisan detachment due to her age. Her husband and two sons, aged 17 and 14, are fighting in the partisan ranks. Although she was unable to shoulder a rifle, she is helping in every other possible way, she said.

Matrena Ivanovna does washing for the partisans, cooks their food and nurses the wounded, she explained. On her own initiative she made the rounds of the village inhabitants and collected money for the Red Army. Of the 17,000 rubles that were contributed, 300 were given by herself.

## Burma Workers Fight Japanese

CHUNGKING, March 14.—The Burmese workers, who were unable to put up an effective resistance to Japanese invasion early in 1942 because most of their leaders were still imprisoned by the British, have now begun to fight back, Allied Labor News reports.

Reliable sources state that a new underground organization has been formed in Burma, the agency states, which is called the "Co-United Nations Section of the Thakin Party." (Thakins are military nationalists, many of whom went over to the Japanese at the time of the invasion.)

Many labor leaders who escaped from prison during the changeover are active in this organization.

In order to get native labor to repair the oil wells, refineries, railways and bridges blown up by British and American engineers, the Japanese have had to resort to a combined policy of impressment and cajolery. Japanese broadcasters extort themselves over every radio station in Burma promising good treatment, high wages and comfortable quarters to anyone willing to help build new military communications—such as the projected highway from the Siam border to Moulmein.

Failure of this policy is indicated by the following fact: the huge seven-span Ava bridge across the Irrawaddy, destroyed by the British, is now being repaired by Japanese labor, not Burmese.

When the Japanese first invaded the country their propaganda achieved a certain success. The British authorities—following the great Yenangyang oil strike of 1939 which lasted more than a year and led to sympathetic action by almost the entire working people—had suppressed most of the unions and imprisoned their leaders. Little was done to mobilize popular sentiment against the invaders.

As a result leadership of the people was left to nationalist—and frequently pro-Japanese—Buddhist priests, who enjoy great prestige among the Burmese, most religious of all Southeast Asiatic peoples.

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Resistance to Nazis Grows In Bulgaria

MOSCOW, March 14 (ICN).—Opposition to the Bulgarian people to the pro-Nazi policy of the government, which is worrying the official ruling clique, press declarations there indicate.

Because of "defeatist sentiments" were attacked sharply in the editorial columns of the Bulgarian paper, Dnes.

The newspaper divided the Bulgarian population into three groups: the first includes, in the words of the paper, persons who display "cynical indifference" to the government's policy.

The second group consists of persons who consider the country's policy "incorrect" and thus "now poison among the surrounding people."

The third group, said the paper, "carries out anti-state activity consciously, according to plan, and undermines the state foundations."

The newspaper calls for their ruthless prosecution.

## Pravda Exposes New Nazi Provocations

MOSCOW, March 14 (ICN).—Pravda carries an article, "The Hitlerite Incendiaries," dealing with the burning of the Reichstag 10 years ago. Recalling the details of this crime, "one of the foulest provocations in history," and how "the courageous voice of Dlantrov turned the accused into the accuser," the paper continues:

"Today it is most appropriate to recall the burning of the German Reichstag. The criminals of 10 years ago are still to be found in the Berlin mansions. They have grown incomparably more dangerous in this period."

"The Reichstag provocation, monstrous in its time, pales in comparison to the endless chain of later crimes perpetrated by the Hitlerite cannibals."

"Then, they set the Reichstag ablaze and drenched Germany in blood. Six years later they set the world ablaze and began to drown the whole of Europe in blood."

"Hitlerite Germany mortally endangered the existence, the life of all mankind. Now, when the ground under the feet of the German fascists is shaking, they are once again attempting to resort to the old end."

"The Berlin robbers are vainly trying to find a way out. New provocations will not avail them, and their old tricks will not save them. The Hitlerite incendiaries will have to answer for all their crimes. The hour of retribution is drawing nigh."

## Chinese Kill 1,000 of Foe At Salween

CHUNGKING, March 14 (UP).—Japanese forces in Yunnan Province are retreating toward their main base at Tengchung after being driven from several more points west of the Salween River, while in Central China the enemy has made no progress during the past 24 hours in his drive southward across the Yangtze River, the Chinese command announced today.

A communiqué said the Japanese invaders of Yunnan had suffered more than 1,500 casualties, including at least 1,000 dead, in the past few days' fighting. Chinese troops were reported pursuing the fleeing enemy toward Tengchung after recapturing Huiyaochien, Hsiangyangchien and other localities and dispersing Japanese remnants north of Chushikiang, 13 miles north of Tengchung.

In the Lungting sector 30 miles southeast of Tengchung Japanese guns that shelled Chinese positions on the east bank of the Salween on March 8 were silenced by Chinese batteries, the communiqué reported.

Military informants here said the Japanese had been cleared from a 25-mile stretch of territory west of the Salween during the past two weeks, and that Chinese reinforcements from the interior of Yunnan were continuing to pour across the river to press Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's counter-offensive.

**FAIL TO ADVANCE**

The enemy column pushing toward Nanhsien, on the western shore of Lake Tung Ting, made no progress yesterday, the high command announced, and the situation also remained unchanged on the Hupeh-Hunan border between Shihshau, 22 miles northwest of Hwayang, and Chouchiachang.

The communiqué reported that Chinese units yesterday inflicted severe losses on the Japanese in street fighting at Mitoosu, 30 miles northwest of Hwayang, and that battles still were in progress in the vicinity of the town.

Meanwhile, delayed front dispatches said that Chinese troops in eastern Honan Province, north of Hupeh, had inflicted about 800 casualties on Japanese forces that unsuccessfully attacked Chinese strongholds in the Shangcheng-Yungcheng sector on Feb. 21 and 22.

Chinese forces in southern Shensi province north of Honan, were reported to have dislodged the Japanese from defensive positions near Fenchang in a four-day battle ending March 8.

Seven Japanese planes yesterday machine-gunned the suburbs of Kweihsing, Kwei River town in Kwansi province, south of Juping, it was reported.

## Mexican Labor Warns of Drive By Reaction

By Alfred Miller  
(Special to The Worker)

MEXICO CITY, March 14.—Reaction and counter-revolution in Mexico are "better organized today than yesterday" and are preparing to gain a majority of seats in the next Congress, the National Committee of the Confederation of Mexican Workers (CTM) declared today, announcing that the CTM would play a fighting role in the coming elections.

The CTM statement pointed out that the retrogressive forces of the country, organized in "Accion Nacional," the National Sinarquist Union and similar organizations, and aided by a number of big newspapers, are striving "to wreck national unity and continental solidarity."

Reactionary propaganda, the CTM message to all affiliated unions declared, "is poisoning the people against the revolution, is fomenting trends to exploit the people with increases of rent and skyrocketing food prices, and with hoarding of prime materials and articles of primary consumption."

These forces slander

# Call Rally to Demand Release of Burrows

The National Negro Congress yesterday called a protest meeting to demand the immediate release of George A. Burrows, deported to Mississippi by Governor Thomas E. Dewey on a trumped-up "attempted rape" charge.

At the same time the Negro Congress wired Governor Paul B. Johnson of Mississippi demanding that he immediately and unconditionally release Burrows.

## Wickard to Report On Farm Schedules

(Special to the Daily Worker)

WASHINGTON, March 14. — Food Administrator Claude R. Wickard will make public a compilation of reports of farmers' planting schedules on Thursday which will inform consumers throughout the country what they can expect in the way of food during the next 12 months.

The report made up of statements by the crop reporting board of the Agriculture Department in every county will deal with increased acreage of war crops and stepped up production of livestock, dairy, and poultry production.

The whole case arose, said the National Negro Congress, out of the usual lynch-incident charge that Burrows had made advances to a white woman.

After the false report of this incident, said the statement, "two white men physically attacked and beat Burrows, one of whom was shot in the fight that resulted. The charge of rape is false from beginning to end. As a matter of fact, Burrows was illegally caught and beaten without cause, endeavored to defend himself, and finally sought refuge in the North."

The courts and governors in the states of Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Massachusetts have recently refused to return Negro refugees to the south on the very sound theory that it is impossible to receive a fair trial, and that only lynch law is in operation. By returning Burrows to Mississippi, Governor Dewey has broken with these immediate precedents and has taken up where Judge Toney left off in the Dred Scott decision. Clearly, the governor is trying to come to terms with such mobsters as Talmadge, Dixon, Dies, and Rankin.

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Failure on the part of the Agriculture Department to a war footing was seen here today by many farm experts as the reason for not fulfilling the maximum food quotas needed for army, lend-lease, and civilian consumption.

Satisfactory settlement of farmers' problems of labor, machinery, feed and subsidies have not been made to date.

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The absence of an over-all plan for agriculture was still seen as the greatest obstacle to all-out farm output.

Following is the official list of foods that will and will not be rationed under the new meat-cheese-fats program:

### RATIONED

1—Meats, including all fresh, frozen, smoked and cured beef, veal, lamb, and pork; all meats and meat products in containers of tin or glass; all dried meats; variety meats, including: tongues, brains, hearts, liver, tripe, sweetbreads, kidneys; bouillon cubes; beef extracts, and similar concentrates; all dry, semi-dry and fresh, smoked, and cooked sausage, including: salami, pork sausage, baked loaves, weinies, scrapple, souce, head cheese... and others; suet, cod, and other fats.

2—Fish: all fish, shellfish, and fish products in hermetically sealed containers.

3—Fats and oils: butter, margarine, lard, shortening, cooking and salad oils.

Cheeses of all kinds except those expressly excluded. Rationed cheeses include the following: cheddar (American) Swiss, brick, munster, limburger, dehydrated grated, club, gouda, edam, smoked, Italian, and Greek (all hard varieties), processed cheese, cheese foods, cheese products containing 30 per cent or more by weight of rationed cheeses.

### NOT RATIONED

1—Fish: fresh fish, frozen fish, smoked, salt, pickled fish, fish in containers that are not hermetically sealed.

2—All poultry and game, whether fresh, frozen, or in tins or glass.

3—Fats and oils: olive oil when not blended with other ingredients; salad dressings and mayonnaise.

Cheeses: soft or perishable cheeses such as: cream cheese, neufchatel, cottage, pot, baker's, emmenthal, lederkranz, brie, blue.

Cheese spreads made with a base of cheese which is not rationed.

Cheese spreads and cheese products containing less than 30 per cent by weight of rationed cheeses.

## More Mental Hospitals Need State Probe

## NAACP Hits Wadsworth Bill To Draft Labor

Broadening of the investigation of Creedmoor State Hospital to include all New York mental hospitals, where conditions are described as "deplorable and chaotic," will be urged upon Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, it was revealed yesterday.

Samuel H. Rosen, executive director of the Association for the Improvement of Conditions in State Mental Hospitals, said that Creedmoor offers an example of what conditions are like in New York's 18 mental institutions.

The Governor ordered an inquiry at the Queens Village, L. I., institution Friday after receiving reports of "shocking filth and neglect" and a dysentery epidemic there.

Rosen recommended widening of the probe during a conference in the office of Assemblyman Bernard Austin, who has introduced 11 bills in the State Assembly designed to improve administrative methods in state mental institutions.

Meanwhile, Gov. Dewey's investigator, Archie G. Dawson, continued to gather facts at Creedmoor for presentation at a public hearing. Dawson hinted that the hearing would be held either Friday or Saturday in the State Building, 80 Central St.

Dr. Ernest L. Stebbins, city health commissioner, reported that at there is no active case of amoebic dysentery at the hospital now. Since Jan. 1, he said, 85 patients and employees have had the disease but all are either cured or recovering.

The Hitlerites in Norway embark on no venture without threats and gross violence. Terboven threatens that any evasion of compulsory labor by the Norwegians will be considered "Communist activity."

The Germans, writes the paper, call every patriot a "Communist" in order to have "grounds" for immediately executing him. Many Norwegian patriots have lately sacrificed their lives as "Communists." These patriots are immortal national heroes.

The Norwegians are not bowing to the enemy. They have one aim—to get rid of their tyrants as quickly as possible.

"We are disturbed," writes the paper, commenting on a related problem, "by Sweden's position. Is it possible that she will remain indifferent to the terrible fate awaiting Norway?"

"Is it possible that Sweden is permitting the transit of Germans through her country and will continue thus to render assistance to the oppressors of a fraternal people?"

"The time has come to answer this question."

## State YCL Parley Will Plan Farm Labor Aid

Over three million additional farm workers must be recruited and utilized this year if the Food for Victory program is not to be seriously endangered. The New York Young Communist League meeting in its fourth annual state convention at Central Opera House at the end of this month, March 26, 27, 28, will enter a campaign to aid the realization of mass recruitment of New York youth as farm labor.

The keynote address at "Youth in Arms," the program for the opening night, will touch on the problems concerned with a successful farm program, and the topic will be discussed in full in panels on the following day. Immediate attention must be focused on certain aspects of this problem, members of the state committee of the YCL said. "It is obvious that some of the responsibility must be taken off the hands of individual farmers, clearly labor pools in the farm of non-essential industries to enroll as farm labor volunteers.

BUY WAR BONDS  
EVERY PAYDAY

## Learning About Pigs



Studying Agriculture and Husbandry at the University of Hampshire, Durham, N. C. Lody Humi gives dinner via the bottle to some young porkers at the university farm. The university farm course helps students to replace farmers and spur the food-production program.

## Taft Stooges in Ohio Invite Rickenbacker

By Sig. Wenger  
(Special to the Daily Worker)

CLEVELAND, March 14.—The Taft-Bricker puppets in Ohio's House of Representatives put on another of their "smash labor" shows here the past week when they rail-roaded through by a vote of 114 to 5 a resolution inviting ex-Captain Edward V. Rickenbacker to address the General Assembly.

The vote came after Representative Lody Humi (Dem.) of Cleveland accused Rickenbacker of carrying on a "victorious, anti-labor" campaign and Rep. Michael P. O'Brien (Dem.) also of Cleveland, declared that the aviator "ought to be out on the firing line instead of disrupting the war effort."

Mr. Humi, who led the fight against the Rickenbacker resolution made the suicidal error of attempting an appeasement method when the vote was taken, thus confusing others who might have voted against the proposal. The Cleveland legislator voted for the resolution, hoping in this way, to get support for his own resolution to invite President A. P. Whitney of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen to explain labor's role in the war effort.

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In most instances the new recreational facilities are being provided in old neighborhoods where existing park areas are completely lacking or are too distant to be readily accessible to mothers and children.

The entire price ceiling program was under attack yesterday from trade associations which embodied by the success of the "farm bloc" are attacking OPA's control of prices.

Japan's firms were said to be participating in the "systematic looting" in cooperation with puppet government banks. The Chinese are forced to accept Japanese military yen or puppet bank notes in exchange for old silver currency, the traveler said.

The advent of retail dollar and cent ceilings on pork and beef, the forthcoming slaughter permit system of the Agriculture Department and the vigorous enforcement policy, now being felt by illegitimate operators in the form of heavy fines and jail sentences, he said, would put the fins to black markets.

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## TEACHERS' UNION SAYS:

## Coudert Probe Destroys Confidence in Schools

## Shows How Quiz Bleeds Schools

The Coudert Committee is "calculated to destroy public confidence in the free public schools." The Teachers Union of City of New York reiterated today in answer to the Committee's technical report presented to the State Legislature March 7.

The technical report doesn't change the subversive aim of the committee, that is, to disrupt national unity in the school system, the Union held, as it announced that it would press for "end of this type of investigation which is against the people's interests."

In an analysis of the technical report, the Union declared that real estate interests benefited most by its proposals and that it failed to recognize the role that schools must play in a nation at war with fascism.

"To the real estate boys in New York, Senator Coudert promises relief to the tune of \$32,000,000. To the large tax payers of the State he promises unfold relief by coming out flatly against a revision upward of the Friedman formula for state aid to free public schools."

## WHAT FORMULA MEANS

The Friedman formula was established in 1926 and educators have agreed that the time has come for a revision to make possible expansion of educational services, the union said.

The state which has unlimited tax powers is the best unit of government to provide the necessary funds for educational needs. By coming out against the modification of the Friedman formula, the Coudert Committee proposes to squeeze education between the two milestones of an inadequate State formula and declining City support."

The Committee's suggestion to reduce credits required for high school graduation from 19 to 16.5 points is an attempt, the Union explained to "impoverish the education curriculum."

The proposal to reduce over-crowding in the classes is merely a demagogic dodge for reducing the number of subjects which children shall be taught and thus release teachers so that they can reduce class size."

## ADmits CROWDING

"The Coudert report admits there is over-crowding and then proposes to reduce over-crowding by establishing an AVERAGE CLASS SIZE OF 32 to 33. The teachers and parents of the City of New York are nausied by the continued use of the term AVERAGE CLASS SIZE," says the Union.

"We know that this term in no way indicates real conditions. At present, in the school system, the average class size is 32 to 33, and yet we have thousands of classes with more than 40 children."

The reason for this, "that many teachers are taken out of classrooms and are assigned to administrative duties. Yet when average class size is computed these teachers are counted as real teachers, thus reducing the average class size."

In summing up, the union declared, "Our basic estimate of the Coudert Committee is today the same as it was in 1940."

## WHAT IT AIMS AT

"At that time, the New York Teachers Union stated, 'The proposed investigation is calculated to destroy public confidence in the free public schools and to effectuate drastic budget reductions.' It has spent a total of \$30,000. The confusion that it has created has provided a smokescreen behind which the hatchet men of the State have operated effectively in the past three years to reduce the education budget in the State by \$30,000,000."

It is the obligation, therefore, of the Union that "every good citizen who has confidence in the democratic institutions of America to call upon Governor Dewey and the leaders of the State Legislature to put an end to this type of investigation which is against the people's interests."

Issuing a call for an emergency meeting to be held at the Friday, March 19 at 4 P. M., the Union urged that all win the war teachers and parents wire the governor, Hon. Thomas W. Wallace, Lieut. Governor; Hon. Joe R. Hanley and Hon. John J. Dunnigan, majority and minority leaders of the Senate, Hon. Oswald D. Heck, speaker of the Assembly, Hon. Irving M. Ives and Hon. Irwin Steinberg, majority and minority leaders of the Assembly, and your own Assemblyman and Senator urging no further funds be appropriated for the continuation of the Rapp-Coudert Committee.

The meeting will deal with an analysis of the technical report stressing its immediate dangers to the schools.

Get your  
PENNIES  
into the  
SCRAP!

## 700 Unionists Honor Foster On Birthday

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union movement for many years was organizing the unorganized. "Now 13,000,000 workers are organized."

The central task today is mobilizing this army of workers and their families politically."

The CIO, AFL and railroad unions must join in united labor action to win the war. They must form joint labor committees for this purpose. Labor MUST speed this unity movement, emphasized Foster.

"It must unite in a hurry," he said. The veteran Communist leader pointed to the "dangerous offensive of reaction on the radio, in the press and in the national Congress."

The war is being sabotaged by isolationists, profiteers, labor haters, open shippers, poll taxers, outright defeatists and friends of Hitler. They are seeking to form an anti-war bloc, he declared.

These enemies aim to reduce the President's necessary war powers. Their measures would raise profits, freeze wages, bring on inflation, weaken the Army and split national unity.

They seek to break United Nations solidarity as well.

Browder sharply indicted William C. Bullitt's hostile speech against the Soviet Union in Philadelphia last week.

In this hostile speech, said Browder, Bullitt urged America in substance to hold up the second front.

Bullitt, said Browder, fears the collapse of Hitler.

Vice President Wallace, on the other hand, warned against "double-crossing" the Soviet Union, went on Browder. Such double dealing, Wallace said, would bring a third world war.

"I would add that it would bring something more serious and immediate," pointed out Browder.

## WALLACE WEAKENS

Browder then added that Wallace himself showed in this speech that he had weakened under pressure of the Copperheads from his speech of last May.

Gone in Wallace's last speech was the inspiring theme of the Century of the Common Man. Instead there were muddled abstraction.

Browder gave sharp attention to Bullitt's friend, Admiral Standley, who scoffed at the second front recently and said:

"The Soviet Union will forgive us our Bullitts and Standleys if we make good our pledge for a second front."

## Gen. Giraud Repudiates All Vichy Laws

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legislation subsequent to June 22, 1940, whether it was issued freely by government departments or under foreign dictation, has no legal validity. It can only be considered null and void, drawn against the interests of the French people.

"We must draw conclusions from this situation.

"We repudiate the tyranny imposed upon the French people.

"Measures already have been taken—and others will follow—with the purpose of re-establishing a united nation."

The 74-year-old soldier, a hero in two World Wars, had worked throughout Saturday until 11:30 P. M. to complete his speech, announced days in advance and possibly the most important since he assumed leadership.

He addressed the Alsace-Lorraine Society, and in doing so promised the restoration of those provinces, now incorporated into Germany, to the French republic.

Giraud revealed that American arms were already on the way from the United States to his 300,000 fighting men in Africa.

He spoke movingly of the men and women who are resisting the Germans in France, facing death bravely, "soldiers without uniforms," and said that France had never been defeated spiritually.

Giraud said that he was a trustee and servant of France, not a master. In addition to his sweeping repudiation of all Vichy-German laws and decrees, he announced that measures already were being taken to restore municipal assemblies and general councils in French Africa.

## Five Fliers Die In Tampa Crash

TAMPA, Fla., March 14 (UPI)—Five fliers were killed yesterday when an Army medium bomber from MacDill Field crashed into Tampa Bay, officials announced to-night.

The dead were listed as 1st Lieut. Alan M. Okell, Cranford, N. J., the pilot; 1st Lieut. Francis P. Martin Rockaway Beach, Mo., the co-pilot; 2nd Lieut. Roy A. Skow, Omaha, Neb.; Staff Sgt. Archie E. Dively, Clayenburg, Pa., and Sgt. Reginald R. Reynolds, Leuders, Tex.

Officials said the plane was making a routine flight. No other details were released.



"Want a lift," say these boys good-naturedly to a Kings Highway crowd that has been waiting a half-hour for a bus. The boys, however, could get no customers for a perilous handlebar ride. And even if the commutes took a chance, there are not enough bicycles in town to solve the transit problem. A staggered work-hour plan would, it is believed, relieve the jams.

## Cacchione Plan for Staggered Hours Would Ease Transit Jam

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traffic is immediately necessary.

A little intelligent voluntary industrial planning of work hours, as proposed by the Brooklyn Councilman and the ODT is all that is needed to make riding to and from work a pleasure and not an ordeal endangering morale, health, life and limb.

But the ODT, the City Council and the City Administration, while performing patriotic war service in other fields, have failed to take vigorous public action to unjam the jammed subways.

## SUBWAY FACTS

Here's what has happened to city transportation since 1941, according to official figures:

192,811,940 passengers rode on all lines (bus, trolley and subway) in January, 1941.

200,800,486 passengers rode all

lines in January, 1942.

210,058,811 passengers rode all lines in January, 1943.

This represents an increase of eight and one-half per cent or 17,136,871 passengers carried on city lines a month over the 1941 figure.

And there are no more transit facilities available.

The trolley lines, excluding the South Brooklyn lines, now carry

2,883,068 more passengers a month than they did in 1941, according to January Board of Transportation figures.

## JAMS TO NAVY YARD

South Brooklyn trolleys, which serve the Brooklyn Navy Yard, has increased its traffic load 305,814 a month since the war began.

Independent Subway figures are up 6,423,923; BMT figures are up 3,502,654; only IRT figures dropped during the period, being cut 305,814.

But even the IRT lines are overtaxed today when war plant shifts come off and go on.

The worst jams, however, are experienced on the bus lines. There has been a 15 per cent reduction in the number of buses in operation, but the monthly bus passenger load has risen from 7,366,320 in 1941 to 12,042,545 this year, a total increase of 4,746,225 passengers.

But the transit system can carry these increased loads with ease if the working shifts are scientifically staggered industry by industry.

## HEAVY TRANSIT HOURS

As matters stand now, without proper planning, the transit lines get the bulk of the traffic between 7 and 8 in the morning and 5 and 7 in the evening.

It is during these hours that the battle of the subways and buses takes place and industrial energy for the war effort is reduced, morale impaired and the health and safety of the worker is endangered.

In this situation the city's 34,000 transit employees have given passengers their best. They have been careful, under the difficult circumstances, to give courteous service.

But their morale has been attacked by the Board of Transportation too. The Board of Transportation has refused to make just wage and labor adjustments, handing out only \$1,000,000 in wage increases at a time the lines have increased their revenues in fares paid by approximately ten and a half million dollars.

"Most of our local ills stem from national planlessness," said Councilman Cacchione. "But here is one situation which can be solved by some local planning. That is why I am suggesting that the Regional War Manpower Commission, in

## Archbishop in North Africa, Visits Troops

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SOMEWHERE IN FRENCH NORTH AFRICA, March 14 (UPI).

Archbishop Francis J. Spellman of New York, addressing American soldiers and sailors here, today affirmed that the United States has no territorial designs on other countries and intends no harm to the common people of the Axis nations.

The Archbishop's address was relayed by short-wave radio to the United States and rebroadcast during the day over nation-wide hookups.

"Our war aims and our peace aims are no secret," the Archbishop said. "They have been stated again and again with the utmost clarity and sincerity. On Lincoln's Birthday our President reaffirmed them and said: 'In our uncompromising policy we mean no harm to the common people of the Axis nations.'

"That imperialism is not an American war or peace aim is known to the Allies, the Axis and all the world, the Archbishop said. America's aims represent the hopes of all freedom-loving peoples and are in accord with Christian teachings."

## VICTORY FIRST

"With you, first things come first and, therefore, you know that victory must come before the fruits of victory," the Archbishop told the American fighting men. "Those who attempt to force the ripening of the fruits, or snatch them prematurely, may imperil the victory itself."

"Never before in our history," he continued, "have we Americans been more fervently united, not only in the love of our country but also in support of it; in our faith and in our destiny and in our determination to do our utmost for our service."

The Archbishop told the men that he considered the days spent with them on the North African front "among the most sacred of my life."

"In these solemn circumstances, as modern crusaders, you are working and fighting, living and dying to preserve our nation, our ideals and our liberties," he said. "I have been thrilled beyond expression to observe the spirit of high resolve with which you are animated and the unity of purpose that is everywhere manifest among you."

"Your destiny is not alone to live protected under the folds of the Star Spangled Banner, but your vocation is something infinitely more noble and more responsible, for you are writing again an imperishable glory its immortal stanzas—'then conquer we must, for our cause it is just. And this be our motto, in God is our trust.'

"You are the sacred instruments of the triumph of our cause; you are the example to Americans in the homeland not alone in the firm belief in the justice of our struggle, because we were treacherously plotted against and attacked by a combination of aggressor nations, but you are also an example to your fellow Americans in your supreme faith in victory."

cooperation with the military, business, labor and consumer, work out plans for the immediate voluntary staggering of work hours to relieve congestion on our city subways, buses and trolleys."

Wonder why the City Council is stalling on the Cacchione plan.

## Labor Unity Needed to Kill Hobbs Bill

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rather than concentrating on outright defeat.

This strategy came out in the open today with an announcement by AFL President William Green that the AFL is sponsoring an amendment to the Hobbs bill which will be offered by Rep. Emanuel Celler of New York.

The AFL amendment states that activities of union members and labor organizations which are recognized as legal by Congress in the Clayton Act, the Norris-LaGuardia Act, the Railway Labor Act and the Wagner Act will be exempt under the Hobbs bill.

## RACKETEERING COVERED

The Supreme Court has held that there are ample provisions in federal and state laws at present to cover racketeering if they are enforced, Green said.

"We agree fully with this view, however, the American Federation of Labor refuses to be placed in the false position of opposing a new law to accomplish the same. We will support the Hobbs bill if it is properly amended."

## GREEN SAYS

Green said that "If Rep. Hobbs is sincere in seeking to protect legal trade union activities, there is no logical reason" why he should not support the Celler amendment.

It is true that the Celler amendment would put Congressmen who deny that the Hobbs bill is aimed at the legislative activities of the labor movement on the spot, and pull some of the teeth of the anti-labor measure.

But some CIO leaders are disturbed by the whole strategy of the AFL in promoting this amendment. They are also disturbed by Green's statement that outright opposition to the Hobbs bill would put the AFL in a "false position."

## NO CONSULTATION

It is a fact that the AFL acted on its own in sponsoring this amendment, and did not consult with CIO legislative representatives.

Anti-labor Congressmen on Capitol Hill have for some time been trying to split the labor movement on the Hobbs bill.

For example, there was an unsuccessful effort to get the Railroad Brotherhood to drop their opposition by promising them a special amendment covering their activities.

CIO legislative representatives are expected to meet tomorrow to consider their position on the Celler amendment and as well as general strategy to lick the Hobbs bill.

# 3,617 Gold Stars--- And What They Mean

By Dorothy Loeb

James David Glendon, Jr., is seven months old, too young to understand what a little flag with a gold star means. He never saw his dad, one of 3,617 merchant seamen lost at sea, delivering the goods to smash Hitler.

But he'll grow up to learn the meaning of that gold star from his mother, one of scores of the wives, mothers, and sisters of seamen heroes honored yesterday at memorial ceremonies by the National Maritime Union and its auxiliary.

More than 80 women, many of them in mourning, stepped up to receive the silken gold star flags, presented on behalf of the union by Joseph Curran, president. There were Negro and white among them. Irish and Jewish, native and foreign-born, all brought together by the heroism of their men and by a common determination to keep on fighting, though death has struck.

## SADNESS—AND PRIDE

With them, participating in the ceremonies, were several hundred women whose husbands and sons are now at sea.

There was much more than sadness to the memorial. Not tears, but pride in the achievements of the men, dedication to continuing the work they started, and a consciousness of the meaning of their sacrifice, marked the meeting.

Knowledge of the courage and the faith of the womenfolk at home gives men the spirit that keeps them fighting till victory is won, Lieutenant R. E. Fowler of the U. S. Coast Guard told those gathered.

"I know the spirit of your men," he said. "They've taken the responsibility of delivering the goods. How well they've done it is a matter of record. They have written a proud page in American history, a proud page in the history of American labor—and never let anyone tell you that American labor isn't doing a job."

"Your belief in your man, your courage to sacrifice, makes for his greater strength. You know why he was doing it and he knows that you'll carry on where he left off until the fight has been won."

Other speakers included Craig Vincent, regional director of the War Shipping Administration; Dorothy Funn of the Negro Labor Victory Committee; Janet Van Tyne of the Women's Division, United Seamen's Service; Mrs. Faye Stephenson, president of CIO Women's Auxiliaries and the Rev. Ben A. Richardson of the Abyssinian Baptist Church. Sylvia McCarthy, president of the NMU Auxiliary, presided.

## We Need Your Help

Key Cogs in the Wheel. . . . Your aid as a Volunteer research and reference worker in the Daily Worker means a better, a more stirring paper for victory. We need such volunteers now. Apply any day 10 A.M. to 6 P.M. at the Daily Worker Library, 8th floor, 35 E. 12th St.

## CIO Says Save Child Labor Laws

The New York CIO today called upon Governor Dewey, on both Republican and Democratic leaders of the State Legislature and all New York City Assemblymen and Senators to defeat the Todd-Murray Bill which would amend the War Emergency Dispensation Act to permit employment of children under 18 years of age and women after midnight in non-war industries.

Joseph Curran, President, and Saul Mills, Secretary, of the Greater New York Industrial Union Council, over the weekend sent wire and communications to Dewey and the legislators stating that "contrary to newspaper reports, the CIO had not taken any position favorable to this legislation."

**ACW Not to Ask  
Pay Rise in  
New Contract**

The Amalgamated Clothing Workers yesterday made public its decision not to ask for a general wage increase for 125,000 workers in the men's and boys' clothing industry throughout the country when current agreements are renewed May 1 and May 15. However, the union reserved the right to request an increase any time during the coming year.

The decision was taken following a two-day meeting of the Amalgamated general executive board here last Thursday and Friday with Sidney Hillman, president, in the chair. It was concurred in by representatives of all the principal clothing markets who attended the session.

Expressing whole-hearted support of the seven-point program advocated by President Roosevelt for the complete stabilization of our national economy, the Amalgamated decision declared:

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**Red Cross  
Rally to Hear  
Mrs. Roosevelt**

"A 'Red Cross at War' rally, will be held tonight for the Red Cross volunteers, at Madison Square Garden, at which Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, Philip Murray, president of the CIO, and William Green, president of AFL, will speak.

Lieut. Gen. Jacob L. Devers, just returned from active service in Egypt and Barney Rose of the fighting Marines of Guadalcanal will be on hand with their stories and impressions of America's fighting fronts.

A dramatic spectacle produced by John Golden and G. S. Eysell will be presented to the large audience, more than a third of which will be composed of union men and women. Many unions have taken large blocks of tickets to be distributed among their membership, in their support of the campaign currently being conducted by the Red Cross for its war fund.

Tickets may be obtained from the Labor Division of the 1943 Red Cross War Fund, 130 W. 42nd St.

in both states.

The Arkansas house reversed itself in making the O'Daniel-sponsored bill a law. A week earlier it had voted down an identical bill by seven votes. Then when the bill was shoved through the senate, the house went along by a vote of 63 to 28.

**REVERSE IN ARKANSAS**

A survey of legislatures shows that labor is not only fighting the vicious bills but is pushing liberal legislation of its own with some success. Liberalization of workers' compensation laws appears likely of approval in the following:

Arizona, California, Connecticut, Delaware, Indiana, Kansas, Maryland, Massachusetts, Montana, New York, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee and Washington.

New York is one of the four states which has escaped the Christian American drive so far, but the children are well-fed in the middle of the day.

Daytime care for small children with good after-school programs.

He said his agency anticipates a total working force of women—in all types of occupations—of 18,000,000 by the end of this year.

## KILLED IN MISSOURI

In Missouri, a united labor front succeeded in killing an anti-picketing bill in the house labor committee. At the same time however the committee killed a labor-sponsored bill which would have set up stand-

ards for wages and hours similar to federal legislation. In the senate, a union registration bill was amended to remove its most obnoxious features but is still opposed by labor because it requires publication of union finances.

In neighboring Kansas, a special senate committee has approved a bill which would put unions under supervision of state courts by laying down stringent provisions, including licensing of union officials and audits of union accounts.

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## ROLL OF DISHONOR

## Idaho, Arkansas First to Pass O'Daniel's Anti-Labor Bills

(By Federated Press)

The legislature of Arkansas and Idaho have the dubious honor of being the first to pass anti-labor legislation pushed in 44 state legislatures by the fascist Christian Americans Association, a Federated Press survey March 12 revealed.

The Arkansas house of representatives and senate approved a measure, based on the Texas so-called anti-labor law of Sen. W. Lee (Pappy) O'Daniel (D), who has been on a speaking tour of legislatures for the Christian Americans.

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## U. S. Bombs Score on Bizerte



American bombs dropped from Flying Fortresses, blew up military installations in Axis-held Bizerte. The U. S. bombers blasted oil tanks and other objectives. (Official U. S. Army Air Force Photo.)

## Milwaukee CIO Blasts Standley

(Special to the Daily Worker)

MILWAUKEE, Wisc., March 14.—The Milwaukee Industrial Union Council, CIO, meeting here yesterday, sharply rebuked Admiral Standley for his "cheap" and "unworthy" attack on the Soviet Government, and added the voice of Milwaukee production workers to the protest of millions of

other American workers.

The Council, while at the same time calling for the opening of a western front in Europe "while the peoples of occupied Europe still have the strength to aid our efforts," and called upon our Government "for the speediest realization of the plans for offensive in full coalition with our British and Russian allies."

## 21 Unions Join Plea for Okla. Case Victims

Action on the Oklahoma Criminal Syndicalism cases was reported by the International Labor Defense this week from 21 union locals and joint bodies.

Calling attention to the attempt by John Eberle, retired county prosecutor of Oklahoma City to upset the appeals verdict reversing convictions of Eli Jaffe, Alvin Shaw, and Mrs. Ira Wood, the New York Industrial Union Council representing 500,000 workers, urged in a resolution and a letter to Mac Q. Williamson, attorney general of the state, that all such attempts be dropped.

George Kleinman, educational director of the Fur Workers International, in a letter to all local unions pointed to the danger inherent in the appeals court's failure to render a decision in the Robert Wood case. All locals were urged to wire at once to Williamson, urging him to plead error before the Criminal Court of Appeals in the Robert Wood case.

"The case is particularly important to the trade union movement," Mr. Kleinman said "since the criminal syndicalism laws of Oklahoma and other states have been used many times to smash the trade union movement and to defeat the efforts of the unorganized workers to organize especially in the South. Moreover, the reactionary forces in the State of Oklahoma who were behind this prosecution are identical with the so-called 'grass roots' movement which the poll taxers had cooked up artificially as a pressure group against all progressive legislation and against the federal administration."

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## Save Bridges, Says Councilman

(Special to the Daily Worker)

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## British Repel Nazi Thrust

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Aircobras executed strafing missions.

A direct hit was scored on one Mareth pill box, a number of anti-aircraft guns were silenced and motor transport was damaged.

On one sweep, 10 to 15 Italian tanks and two armored cars were attacked on the road 25 miles south-west of Sidi Bou Zid, official dispatches said, revealing that the enemy has not entirely withdrawn from the central Tunisian plains area above Gafsa.

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Spitfires and Warhawks engaged a large formation of Messerschmitt 109's and Italian Macchi fighters in a running fight and downed four Messerschmitts and damaged

number of other enemy craft. The Allies lost 10 planes in all operations.

As has been done in the Soviet Union before, the Farkhad hydro-electric station began on Feb. 10, 1943, on the initiative of the people of Uzbekistan, and is expected to be completed in less than two years. It will be the third largest station in the USSR after the Dnieper and Rybinsk hydro-electric stations. The waters of the canal will irrigate a vast stretch of Golodnaya Desert and will be one of the world's longest.

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## Time for Action!

The major leagues start spring training today in NORTHERN camps. From Lakewood to Bear Mountain to French Lick, Indiana and Wilmington, Delaware, the 16 clubs in the big time will start to lumber up—will be ready for the second war-time baseball season.

The clubs start training with skeleton rosters. Many stars are in armed forces, many are in war plants—others are on ranches and farms. Men are needed—men of major league caliber—for the fans will not tolerate sub par ball this year.

These men must be had from the ranks of the Negro players—dosses of whom are still available for the majors.

The fans must refresh the campaign to get these men into major leagues. The start of spring training should serve as an impetus to all progressives, all trade unionists.

Let 'em roll from all over the country. SIGN UP NEGRO STARS.

Here is where the Dodgers, Yanks and Giants will be... Wire, write, visit, ...

MR. BRANCH RICKEY,  
BROOKLYN DODGERS,  
BEAR MOUNTAIN, NEW YORK.

MR. HORACE STONEHAM,  
NEW YORK GIANTS,  
LAKEWOOD, NEW JERSEY.

MR. ED BARROW,  
NEW YORK YANKEES,  
ATLANTIC CITY, NEW JERSEY.

### Batter's Delight:

## Majors Vote to Restore 'Jack Rabbit' Ball

CHICAGO, March 14 (UP).—Major league hitters today envisioned improved batting averages after a three-man committee voted to put the "jack rabbit" back into the standard baseball.

Commissioner Kenesaw M. Landis; William Harridge, President of the American League; and Warren Giles, General Manager of the Cincinnati Reds, voted to adopt as the major's standard ball for 1943 on which meets the same specifications as that used by the big leagues for the 1939 campaign.

Since 1939 was an outstanding year from a slugging standpoint, the committee's decision means good news to the hitters and furnishes another source of worry for the pitchers.

The type of ball used by the majors became the subject of concern last season when war circumstances made it impossible to obtain materials used previously by the manufacturers. Hitting slumped sharply and players complained the ball had been deadened. A study of the problem was made during the major's joint meeting here in December and then additional experiments ordered. Results of these experiments then were submitted to the committee and today's decision followed.

The ball adopted will have a granulated cork center. Around it will be two layers of balata rubber. This center will not be as lively as the one formerly used when top-grade cork and rubber were available, but the manufacturers have agreed to increase the resiliency by an improved method of winding the

yarn and a different cover.

The manufacturers have agreed to start deliveries on the new ball in limited quantities within 10 days and a complete supply will be available by the time the season opens.

Clubs which have a supply of the 1942 balls in stock will be permitted to exchange them for the new ball. The new ball will be used exclusively once the regular league seasons start.

The American League generally has been recognized as the "hitters' league." The slugging slump in the junior circuit since 1939 indicates that the ball had lost one of its "pop."

American League clubs had a composite batting average of .279 for the 1939 season. It fell to .271 in 1940, to .266 in 1941 and to .257 last season.

Home run production likewise was down sharply. American League sluggers hit 766 homers in 1939 as against only 533 last season. The 1942 campaign was the first since 1930 in which American League hitters fewer home runs than National League players.

The performances of top hitters was off. The American League had 18 players to hit .300 or better in 1939 as against only seven in the charmed circle last season.

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MAXINE WOOD

## Smuts Urges Post-War Allied Cooperation

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa, March 14. (UP).—Field Marshal Jan Christian Smuts, Premier of South Africa, said today that the indicated post-war collaboration among Britain, the United States and their allies "would be the best guarantee of future world peace—perhaps the only sure guarantee."

Asked whether he believed the United States and the British Empire would pool their resources after the war as they have during the war or would commercial and political competition once more dominate their foreign policies, Smuts replied:

"The Atlantic Charter and other instruments of future policy now being shaped between the United States of America and the British Commonwealth and their allies point toward future collaboration as against the old-time competition in their economic and foreign policies."

CHUNKING, March 10 (delayed) (UP).—Authoritative Chinese sources said today that within a few days, the Japanese will relinquish to the Nanking puppet government all "special rights hitherto held by Japan in China."

The sources said that the Japanese are preparing a propaganda campaign to publicize Japan's "kindness" toward Nanking and other Japanese occupied territories, especially Thailand.

## Expect Phony Deal By Japanese

In response to a question whether America might have to fight Russia he replied: "We Americans will never have to fight Russia unless some people in the country are so short-sighted they pick a fight." He then asserted that reports that Russia might start on an imperialistic

policy after the war as based on ignorance.

Westbrook Pegler, the Hearst

papers and other red-baiters were blasted by him for stirring up the bogey of Communism. "If 150,000 people who voted the Communist ticket in the last election are a menace what kind of democracy do we have?"

In concluding his speech he again

appealed for the strongest national

unity and the closest cooperation of the United Nations. He stressed the importance of establishing the firmest relations with China, Great Britain and Russia.

## RAPS DISRUPTERS

He slapped at the activities of the appeasers and disrupters in Congress as he said, "She (Russia) had no Ham Fish, and think what that means to a country."

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## the Roundup

The Brooklyn Dodgers today filled in the final gap in their 1943 infield with the announcement that regular third baseman Arky Vaughan had agreed to terms and would report for spring training early next month.

Difficulty in obtaining help to operate his California farm led Vaughan to announce earlier that he probably would not return to baseball this year. He informed the Dodgers, However, that he would now travel east with first baseman Dolph Camilli who is scheduled to report April 5 at Brooklyn's training camp at Bear Mountain, N. Y.

Capitulation of Vaughan gives the Dodgers a regular at every infield post, Camilli will play first, Billy Herman second, Manager Leo Durocher shortstop and Vaughan third.

Manager Bucky Harris announced today that the Philadelphia Phillies had obtained pitcher Charley Fuchs from the Detroit Tigers for the \$7,500 waiver price.

Fuchs was credited with three wins and three losses at Detroit last season after he was recalled from Beaumont in the Texas League. He had a 3.46 earned run average with Buffalo in the International League in 1941.

The 1943 American League prospects of the St. Louis Browns received a stiff jolt today when regular shortstop Vernon Stephens revealed he had been reclassified 1-A by his draft board and expects to receive word of his induction "within a week."

If Stephens goes, he will be the third Browns' player to be lost within the space of two weeks. Outfielder Walt Judich and Glen McCullum were called a few days ago.

Rockie Charles Stevens, former high school teammate of Stephens who played with Toledo last year and was to report to the Browns in the spring, is scheduled to report for induction Thursday.

Johnny Mize, hard-hitting first baseman of the New York Giants, was ordered today to report March 24 at Jefferson Barracks for his physical examination prior to induction in the Army.

Mize, who is married but childless, was reclassified 1-A two weeks ago following his preliminary examination.

Mize will remain at his St. Louis home instead of reporting to the New York Giants for spring training pending the examination.

By Nat Low  
Winner of the Hunter Mile.  
Winner of the National AAU Mile.  
Winner of the K. of C. Columbian Mile.

—And undisputed mile king of the United States.

Police, give you Frank Dixon III, of New York University who matured from the young sensation into the full grown mile ace of all American track stars with another "perfect race" at the K. of C. meet Saturday night at the Garden.

A race which was the final herald of the coming of age of the first great Negro distance runner in track history.

There may have been some slight doubts about it during the course of his hectic indoor season—but it was obvious from the beginning that sooner or later Dixon would take over—would be unbeatable. His race Saturday night in which he beat Gil Dodds in 4:09.6, his third major victory of the year, was the clincher, the final proof of his domination of the American mile scene.

Dixon ran another tactically "perfect race." There was no doubt about that. And there was never any doubt of his winning it after the fourth lap when Gil Dodds took the lead away from Earl Mitchell and Dixon, who had been in last place, immediately sprinted to a position at Dodds' heels where he remained until a lap and a half from the end.

It was a thrilling race with three definite phases—each one tense and important. The first phase came at the start when Don Burnham, who had beaten Dixon the week before, took the lead at the gun and the rest of the field of five strung out very closely behind him. On the second lap Dodds took over the lead but Dodds and Dixon remained in fourth and fifth place.

This phase of the race was most dangerous to Dixon and Dodds deliberately keeping the pace slow, hoping to come into the bell lap with his kick still "alive."

But before he could dwell long on his thoughts, Dodds opened the throttle. He passed Rafferty, passed Burnham and passed Mitchell and then "flew" out. But he must have heard the roar of the crowd that told him Dixon had come along with him and was riding on his tail.

Here Dodds' strategy made itself clear. He hadn't intended to run a burning first quarter. Instead he was going to pour it on in the middle quarters, hoping to be stave off Dixon's bid in the last fourth of the race.

He did pour it on. Running with

his powerful, exhausting stride he rapidly opened up and spread the gap between himself and Mitchell, Burnham and Rafferty. But try as he might, he could not evade the easy striding Dixon on his heels. Dixon, running smoothly and with little apparent effort, kept pace with Dodds, content to stay on his heels without burning himself out.

At the half the rest of the boys were already out. They had fallen some 15 yards off the pace and it was apparent that they could never catch the two flying leaders. The half time was called 4:07—a pace only Dodds could set.

At the three quarters Dodds and Dixon, about two feet behind, was striding smoothly. Then it started to happen. In previous races Dixon started to pass Dodds only on the last lap—but here, suddenly, with two laps to go, Dixon came off the 9th Avenue turn and began to lead the gun and the rest of the field of five strung out very closely behind him. On the second lap Dodds took over the lead but Dodds and Dixon remained in fourth and fifth place.

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## New Play Strongly Anti-Nazi in Tone

Men in Shadow, by Mary Hayley Bell, with Roy Nargrave. Directed by Mr. Nargrave. Setting by Frederick Fox. Presented by Max Gordon at the Morosco Theatre.

By Ralph Warner

Broadway continues its exploration into the war this week with "Men in Shadow," a realistic thriller of underground activities in occupied France. It is bloody, spine-chilling, and bitterly anti-Nazi—all of which makes it a good show. This question of how tolerantly a Nazi may be presented in the theater has been solved in "Men in Shadow." A drunken German sergeant is knifed on stage. A corporal is knifed below stage. A spy is pounded to death right at the footlights. And every blow he receives is delivered in payment for the horrors which Hitler has visited on the world. "Men in Shadow" tolerates no Nazis; it kills them.

"Men in Shadow" is stark realism. An old Frenchwoman sets two broken legs right before your eyes. Hero and spy tangle in the roughest stage scrap I've seen since 10-30 days. Blood drips freely, dialogue is broad and salty, and the settings are so real that you breathe the dust and grime of an abandoned windmill as you sit in the Morosco pit.

### Heroes Are Allied Airmen

"Men in Shadow" centers about two American and one British airmen of the RAF who were shot down over France in the early days of the war. They took refuge in the old mill. Aligned by an aged French woman and a French Communist peasant, they organize sabotage as they wait anxiously for the Second Front.

As the play begins, two German officers arrive in the vicinity, apparently to find billets for a platoon of Nazi infantry, marching southward. The airmen realize that they must flee. But, as they prepare to go, one of their number, Lew, returns with a young American. The lad's legs are broken; after they are set, Lew says he must remain motionless for at least 48 hours.

Well, that's the central situation. I, for one, do not intend to spoil your pleasure by telling you more. "Men in Shadow" is sometimes lurid. Its situations are frequently contrived. But it's done with such zestful hatred for all Hitler's works that you'll forgive its inconsistencies. Its political wind blows in the right direction, especially now, when the people of France are anxiously awaiting help from their western allies. There's not a breath of Vichyism in it; and it's good enough theatre to provide ample entertainment for all but the most squeamish.

**Hargrave an Energetic Hero**

Katherine Cornell's production of Anton Chekhov's "The Three Sisters" will give a special matinee for the benefit of the American Red Cross at the Barrymore Theatre on Thursday, March 25, at 2:30 P.M. The entire cast, headed by Miss Cornell, Judith Anderson, Edmund Gwenn, Ruth Gordon, Dennis King, Gertrude Mugrove, Alexander Knox, McKay Morris, Tom Powers, and Eric Drasler, voted unanimously by secret ballot to donate their services free for the extra performance. The Red Cross will receive the entire gross from the matinee.

## Daily Crossword Puzzle

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**HORIZONTAL:** 1. Strip of leather, 4. Black, 5. Bird, 6. Before, 11. Top, 12. Military assistant, 13. Boat propeller, 14. Therefore, 15. Vast age, 17. Sinks in middle, 19. Before, 21. Worn-out cloth, 22. Gown, 24. Simple, 26. To soak, 28. Singing voice, 31. Recent, 32. Inlet, 35. To be mistaken, 36. Near, 38. Portable, 41. Old provision, 42. The sun, 44. River in England, 45. Uppermost part, 47. Cleansing substance, 49. East Indian tree.

**VERTICAL:** 1. Strip of leather, 2. To make lace edging, 3. Small dog, 4. Cushion, 5. Light brown, 6. Meadow, 7. One of the Allies, 8. Extinct flightless bird, 9. Indian mulberry, 10. Anger, 11. Insignificant bit, 12. Problem, 13. Performed, 14. Goddess of discord, 15. Strip of leather, 16. Correlative of either, 17. South American Indian, 18. Sea eagle, 19. An omen, 20. Lamprey, 21. Fruit tart, 22. To attempt, 23. Water metal, 24. Playing-sticks, 25. Japanese measure, 26. Unusual, 27. Part of "to be", 28. To soak, 29. Singing voice, 30. Recent, 31. Inlet, 32. To be mistaken, 33. Near, 34. Portable, 35. Old provision, 36. The sun, 37. River in England, 38. Uppermost part, 39. Cleansing substance, 40. East Indian tree.

## You and the Army And Le Jazz Hot!

By Ruth Sutherland

Are you tired of controversies about WHAT'S HAPPENED TO JAZZ... and WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN TO JAZZ and WHAT'S HAPPENED TO SWING STREET (32nd in case you're just in from Omaha)?

Well, turn off the juke box and let's look around. When you come out of that Bob Hope movie Sunday afternoon around Four o'clock... wander up to 32nd Street between Sixth and Seventh where there are always a couple of sessions going. Stopping off at the first place, Kelly's Stables no doubt... you're liable to run into a combination something like this: Nat Jaffe on piano (he'll make you dream of Art Tatum), Jay Higginbotham on trombone (gone to Hollywood but wait up... he'll be right back) Charlie Shavers on trumpet (that man with John Kirby), Pete Brown on Alto Sax, Al Morgan on bass and Zutty Singleton on drums.

Some beautiful things happened there on Sunday afternoon. Last week, they played the Blues for a half hour without repeating a phrase. Pete Brown hit a chorus with words... "Baby Baby... what is the matter with YOU?" Everything happened in that half hour... everyone took choruses that were really inspired and even the jitterbugs in the back were quiet.

Down at Jimmy Ryan's a few doors away... you'll find another mixed combination. Perhaps Pee Russell or Clary... Bobby Hackett on trumpet... Eddie Condon on GESTAR... maybe Sam Price on piano (he comes up from Philly for these), Kansas Fields in his Navy uniform hitting the drums and any number of fine musicians who drop in town for the sessions over the weekend (many of them in uniform)... or on their way through to play a date elsewhere.

**He's Not Kidding**

Here and there around town... the most exciting piano man we've EVER heard is stashed away in a den on MacDougal Street. Al Jolson isn't kidding when he sits down at the piano. You'll know his Bach background when he does Body and Soul... or I've Got Rhythm or any of the hot classics. Using dissonants comparable with those of the Duke... Al likes to surprise his listeners by going just as far as he can. You always wonder if he played the right note... and are never sure until you hear the next one. Then you realize he's way ahead of you... and everybody else.

Tony Wilson was our boy when he played a small club in Harlem... and then they moved him into the Famous Door where he's all hooked up with a square show... snake charmers and what not... but he's fine and if you can stand what goes with him... don't miss Tony's classically simple piano and his own songs... GET THAT GOLD... A CHICKEN'S STILL A CHICKEN (NO MATTER HOW YOU COOK IT).

**In the Army Now**

The two great white piano men are lost to you Gates for the duration. Mel Powell, twenty-one year old ex-Goodman man went into the army last week. The cats at Ryan's and Kelly's on Sundays watch the door and wait for his first furlough. Joe (Little Rock Getaway) Sullivan deserted us for Riverside, Calif. where he shares solo honors with Edgar Hayes, one time Negro band leader... at the Somerset House. Prior to the war... the Somerset House catered to swank tourist trade but with the arrival of thousands of trainees in the territory... it has thrown open its doors to service men. So Sunday afternoon jam sessions with prominent musicians from nearby camps sitting in... keep the boys stationed out there in the BETTER spirits. Joe Sullivan's getting his army kicks now all right. He wanted to go in, but wasn't in the BEST of health. Then he wanted to ship out of the NMU... and asked us seriously one day if he could go without learning to swim. We said no... so he's doing next best... moral building.

That has affected music at home to some extent... since many musicians are on their way overseas and as time goes on there'll be few men left to play in the flesh. But Le Jazz Hot is still pitching. That's what the boys overseas are crying for... more records... better records... no corn but real jazz... recordings of the music YOU and I can still dig Sunday on 32nd Street. Say, why doesn't the OWI or someone record those sessions for the army? Well, I can dream, can't I?

Anyway... we're not going to be Squares. We're going to send our BEST jazz platters to the army. What are you doing with YOURS, Bud?

**Musician's Side**

The musicians' side of the controversy between the members of the New York Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra and its management, will be presented by Calmen Fleisig, Chairman of the Orchestra Committee, on March 16th at 10:30 P.M. over Radio Station WEVD.



KING OF SWING: Top left, Duke Ellington who's coming to town this week for a run at the Hurricane Club; top right, Louis Armstrong who is living for men in uniform and defense workers out in Los Angeles. The scene below is of a Sunday session with Ernie Tristano—piano (he's in the Army now); Pete Brown—alto sax; Jay Higginbotham—trombone; Ray Nathan—drums, and Al Matthews—bass.

## RADIO HIGHLIGHTS

Rockwell Kent, "The Artist and the War," WQXR, 11 A.M. Special Board of Education Panel on the War, WNYC, 2:30 P.M. ... Paul Muni Reads, "Freedom's Flows," Poem on Urban League Program, "The Negro and the War," WJZ, 2:45 P.M. ... Three Broadcasts from Monster Rally for the Red Cross at Madison Square Garden, Mrs. Roosevelt, Princess Martha of Norway, WNEW, 8:30 P.M., WZN, 11:15 P.M. ... AFL President William Green, CIO President Philip Murray, WGN, 11:15 P.M. ... Conference of War and Post-War Problems, WJZ, 10:35, 11:15 P.M. ...

**MORNING**

9:00-WFAB-WOR-WABC—News 9:35-WNYC—City Consumers Guide 9:40-WJZ—Women of Tomorrow 9:45-WABC—Adelaide Hawley 9:50-WNYC—Masterwork Hour 10:00-WNYC—Masterwork Hour 10:15-WNYC—Alfred Hitchcock 10:30-WNYC—Women at War 10:45-WNYC—School of the Americas 11:00-WJZ—Meet Frances Scott 11:00-WJZ—Isabel Manning Huson 11:30-WNYC—This Week's Resources 11:45-WNYC—Volunteers for Victory 12:00-WNYC—Living Should Be Fun 12:30-WNYC—Music of Medicines 12:45-WNYC—United Nations Day at Town Hall 12:50-WNYC—News 13:00-WNYC—Meet Farm and Home Hour 13:30-WNYC—Metropolitan Review, Hodges 13:45-WNYC—Patriot's Business, Rockwell Kent, Guest 13:55-WNYC—The Conductor's Podium 14:15-WNYC—Vis and Sads 14:30-WNYC—Musical Souvenirs 14:45-WNYC—Snow Village 14:45-WNYC—You and Your Health

**EVENING**

6:00-WFAB—Family Time 6:30-WNYC—Paying for the War 6:45-WABC—Remember Our War 6:50-WNYC—Recital Period 6:55-WABC—Congressman Andrew, Our War Alms 7:30-WNYC—Medicine Model 7:45-WNYC—Billie Holiday 7:45-WNYC—Selective Service News 7:50-WABC—Keep Working with Singing 8:00-WNYC—Dinner Concert 8:45-WNYC—The Music You Want 8:45-WNYC—Music of the Americas 8:50-WNYC—Confidential Roundup 8:55-WNYC—Fred Waring Victory Tune Time 9:00-WNYC—Lester Lanin, Sports 9:15-WNYC—Victor Bruno 9:30-WNYC—Instruction to Fire Wards 9:45-WNYC—Music of the Americas 10:00-WNYC—Major Sergio 10:15-WNYC—Masterwork Hour 10:30-WNYC—Meet Margaret McBride 10:45-WNYC—Confidential Roundup 10:55-WNYC—Confidential Roundup 11:00-WNYC—Vis and Sads 11:15-WNYC—Johannes Steel 11:30-WNYC—Musical Review 11:45-WNYC—Billie Holiday 11:55-WNYC—Gay Nineties Review, Kay Howard

**AFTERNOON**

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## FRANCE FIGHTS BACK



## Bullitt Must Go!

WILLIAM C. BULLITT, adviser to the Navy Department in Washington in a recent speech had the gall to warn against a Hitler defeat by saying that "on the day that Germany collapses we shall still have on our hands a war with Japan. . . . The real power will be in the hands of Stalin."

The implication of this line of reasoning is that America needs some kind of "understanding" with Nazi Germany. By saving Germany, Bullitt asks us to believe, we will be helping our fight against Germany's partner Japan.

Bullitt urges that America act toward the Soviet Union as toward a donkey "holding a carrot in front of its nose and a club behind its tail." The "carrot" is lease-lend aid, and the "club" is the threat to call off all plans to attack Hitler in the west, thus saving him from destruction.

Bullitt's advice is consciously treacherous, and is fraught with military disaster for America.

That is not surprising since Bullitt helped to organize the Munich betrayal of Europe by peddling the Lindbergh line that the USSR was "weak." Later he turned Paris over to the Nazis in collusion with the Laval gang.

But how is it possible for so brazen a sell-out politician, so sinister a Quisling as Bullitt to defy the Government's stated policy?

Because the Government's policy is ambiguous, it is not clear, and the Government does not wipe out all vestiges of appeasement in its foreign policy.

This is a danger to the country. It confuses and dismays our friends throughout the world and helps our enemies. It encourages pro-Nazis like Bullitt to operate right in the top of our own Government. Ambiguity in our foreign policy encourages treachery to the nation, weakens the United Nations alliance and delays the Second Front and thus prolongs the war.

Bullitt's speech is alarming. It must be repudiated by public indignation and protest. Bullitt must go before he does more damage to our war effort.

## \$25,000 Vote

BECAUSE there has not yet developed enough protest from the folks back home, the House has voted to wipe out President Roosevelt's effort to curb huge wartime incomes in the upper brackets.

How can the Administration ask the hard-pressed war worker and his family to accept the necessary burdens of war taxation if the \$25,000 a year group will not accept a ceiling on its \$500 a week income, the President asked Congress almost in these words in his recent budget message? But the disrupters are not interested, it seems in the effects of their action on the war effort.

The President warns that the Rum plan will give the wealthy a free bonus at the expense of the war effort and in discrimination against the lower incomes. But the GOP

leaders threaten to start a new fight for the Rum plan.

This means that the reactionaries will try to hurt the war effort by loading all the financial burdens on the war workers. This will reduce nutrition, and cause breakdowns in production.

The tax fight is a war fight. Now is the time for the entire labor movement and the country to unite to stop the tax wrecking going on in Congress.

And essential to this fight is the need to get Congress to stop rising prices, which up to now Congress insists on raising higher and higher.

## Mine Negotiations

THE first round in bituminous contract negotiations has not dispelled the dark cloud of a mine shutdown on April 1. Neither John L. Lewis nor the operators have yet proposed steps to assure the country continuous mine operation.

Every child in America knows what a coal shutdown would mean. It would be a great victory for Hitler.

The Daily Worker has on many occasions declared that the miners are fully justified in their demand for a wage raise. The union statistics on the outrageous cost of living rise in the mining communities, emphasize that all the more. Aside from enormous rises in prices, the wages of the miners are among the lowest in the major industries geared to increased production. This demands that they be sufficient to assure the health and morale of the miners. It demands an incentive system of wage payments to assure maximum and uninterrupted coal production for our war effort.

The operators, clinging to their anti-unionism as usual, seek refuge in the "Little Steel" wage limit and drape themselves with "patriotism" to justify their flat "no" for an answer. They have as yet not declared their readiness to abide by the decisions of the WLB, should the dispute go to WLB, and to agree that any award to the miners be retroactive if agreement is not reached before April First.

Lewis is determined to exploit the grievances of the miners to smash the War Labor Board and all economy stabilization. He wants to throw the country into a home-front war against the President, not against Hitler.

Furthermore, miners know that a wage raise which they must have will melt to nothing in three months if rigid price control and rationing are not put into effect. Lewis who is allied with the reactionary forces in the country says we cannot fight inflation, that it is inevitable.

Lewis is playing with the welfare of a half million miners and their families as he is playing with the welfare of the nation. The folks whose livelihood comes from coal digging can win, not by a strike, but by close association with the entire labor movement—CIO and AFL, by a widespread movement of solidarity and pressure for a wage policy that would put first the country's war needs, not the profit interests of coal operators. The whole labor movement must rally to the support of the miners wage demands and help the miners to defeat Lewis's provocation, which will only bring harm both to the miners and the entire nation.

## Puerto Rico's Status

By James S. Allen

ON FEB. 10 the Puerto Rican Legislature unanimously passed a resolution petitioning the United States Government to end the system of colonial rule and permit the people to decide their own status.

This is a great event, important as a victory in battle. By this act, the Puerto Rican people brushed aside all the preliminary maneuvering and came directly to the issue.

The unanimity of the vote is revealing. All parties, including the anti-government and anti-popular parties, and the advocates of statehood and "autonomy" as opposed to independence, voted for the resolution.

No one—not even the agents of the monopoly sugar interests—dared vote against it. Those who hesitated, like the entirely unnamed Socialists, rushed at the last moment to proclaim their adherence.

There could be no more convincing proof of the basic unmovable independence position of the people.

Even the colonial status forces recognized that the point had been reached where they had to operate on a new political plane. Independence has become the central focus around which all other issues revolve.

THE American people must recognize the new reality.

There is a tendency in some quarters to view the unanimous Puerto Rican petition as embarrassing to the war effort because of the important military role of the Island. Some political circles are also embarrassed because they view the demand as a "premature" and misplaced test of the Atlantic Charter.

On both counts the American people should welcome the action of the Puerto Rican people. Our immediate recognition of independence will improve and not weaken

our relations with the Puerto Rican people and all Latin American people. It will strengthen our national war effort and the morale of all freedom-loving peoples.

We should also welcome the opportunity to "test" the Atlantic Charter in our own country. That is a good way to fight for Indian independence and for people's rights everywhere. Recognizing the immediate independence of Puerto Rico would help greatly increase the authority of the Charter and our own uneven political prestige among the peoples of the world.

IN advancing their demand for self-determination the Puerto Rican people displayed a broad understanding of the relation of their own liberation to winning the war.

The resolution asked that the problem of political status be settled "immediately, if feasible, or at the latest when the war is ended and peace will be established." If settled it should be done "in the form most compatible with the best conduct of the war."

If it is decided to postpone action until victory, the petition said, "the people of Puerto Rico will wait with patriotic resignation until that decisive moment for its natural aspirations."

The question of whether self-determination should be immediate or be postponed until after the war is left open. No one can accuse the Puerto Rican Legislature of pressuring the United States Government for a decision in the midst of war.

We should recognize with gratitude this spirit of self-denial, but not fail to understand that the active collaboration of the people which can be won by acting immediately is much more desirable than the "patriotic resignation" which would arise if we postpone the question.

SOME progressives may be disturbed by the fact that Senator Tydings is for "immediate independence."

The wily Senator, who is agitating for the permanent possession of the Atlantic and Caribbean bases leased from the English, is not concerned with obtaining independence. He is

out after other game—the exclusion of Puerto Rican sugar from the United States by the imposition of a high tariff. It is the same game he followed with respect to the Philippines, where he also appeared as an advocate of immediate independence.

He is now trying to play the same role does not in any way affect the principle and was necessary of independence.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S recommendation for an elected governor responsible to the Puerto Rican people is a reform in the direction of improving the system of self-government. If this is immediately adopted it would help to strengthen the position of the Puerto Rican people for independence.

It is apparent, however, that the proposed reform cannot in itself alter the colonial status of the island. It would constitute a greater measure of autonomy in internal affairs, since under present regulations the measures adopted by the Legislature are subject to the veto of a Governor appointed by the President of the United States.

But the proposed reform can in no sense be accepted as a settlement of the independence question. Forces opposed to independence will attempt to use it in that way—as a pre-judgment in favor of statehood, or as a substitute for a popular plebiscite on political status.

While supporting the reform, labor and the progressive forces should press for immediate and favorable action on the petition of the Puerto Rican people. Such action is feasible and necessary now and need not wait until after the war.

In establishing a special committee to advise him on changes in the organic law of Puerto Rico, President Roosevelt has created an agency through which the labor unions and people's organizations can present their opinions. The chairman of the committee is Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes. No time should be lost in asking that the organic law be amended to provide for a popular plebiscite on independence.

One of the central objectives of the drive is to broaden our ties with the industrial and Negro youth. Therefore particular attention must be given to guarantee the maximum recruiting of these youth. But the final guarantee of achieving our objective is organization. And so, the objective of every club is to have a Recruiting plan which includes recruiting in every activity conducted, and organizing special forums such as treasure hunts, new members parades, house gatherings, and socials. The fulfillment of the club plan depends on the individual member. That means reaching every member with an understanding of the drive and getting each one to make specific pledges. In addition to individual discussions at all club functions a letter is being sent to every member on the drive enclosing a return post card for the pledge. Every member who recruits one and secures a sub will receive a YCL builders certificate. There is developing a large core of 5 x 5's (people who recruit five and get five sub), also 25 people are being brought together each of whom is pledged 25 new members. (Watch out Philadelphia.)

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## Youth for Victory

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The New York YCL is off to a fair start in its drive to enroll 2,500 new members by May 30 breaking the "barrier" with 350 for the first week with such outstanding examples as one comrade bringing in 15 people in a single day. The Thomas Jefferson Club of Brooklyn College got eight recruits at one meeting, the Colin Kelly Club of the Bronx enrolled 10 as a result of collecting 1,300 books for the Victory Book Campaign. Rochester with six got going for the first time in many months and good old Buffalo recruited 26, the greatest part being war workers. Fifteen per cent of the total recruits were Negro youth. But, all in all, this can be considered only the beginning. (Watch out Philadelphia.)

A good spirit for building the league is permeating the organization. This feeling arises from the understanding of the importance of building and strengthening the YCL to contribute more to the war effort. The members are beginning to feel a greater pride in their clubs which arises from the fact that the league is in the thick of the fight for those war policies decisive for victory, participating in all war services and making the YCL clubs model centers of education, recreation and war activities for youth.

For example, the New York YCL has just received recognition from the Victory Book Campaign Committee as one of the cooperating youth agencies, starting out with a goal of 10,000 books for the month of February—we have to date collected 15,000 with the Convoy Club alone doing 2,000. Further, there is now a bowling tournament, a dramatics contest and preparation for a gigantic War Dance going on.

The entire drive is above all based on the fight for the second front, the integration of Negro youth in the war effort through such specific campaigns as the end of Jim Crow in baseball, for mixed regiments and the abolition of the Poll Tax, as well as such legislative activity as the fight for the 18-year-old vote.

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